

Fact Sheet

The Foreign Agricultural Service's Career Internship Program

The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) Career Intern Program (CIP) is designed to prepare exceptional men and women who have professional experiences in agriculture and/or business, a college degree, and competencies for careers in public service with FAS. Interns will participate in a two-year program that is designed to fine-tune their skills and abilities. FAS hires full time employees for marketing specialist, international specialist and agricultural economist positions through the CIP.

The two-year internship provides the career candidate an opportunity to learn about the agency as they work in up to four different areas in the Washington, DC offices of FAS: Commodity and Marketing Programs, Export Credits, International Trade Policy and International Cooperation Division. On-the-job and formal training is provided based on the intern's and agency's needs.

In addition, the internship gives the intern time to consider a career in FAS's Civil Service or Foreign Service.

Who Can Apply?

Candidates must have a bachelor, master's or PhD degree with a final GPA of 3.00 and must be a U.S. Citizen.

How Does One Apply?

Candidates must submit a completed application package to the Foreign Agricultural Service. For more details:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/newjobs/newjobs.html>.

Applications will be evaluated four times per year. The application deadlines are as follows: September 15, December 15, March 15 and June 15.

Qualifications

Candidates must have strong leadership, teamwork, cultural and communication skills. Knowledge of Windows software applications and the Internet is required. Candidates must be able to travel domestically and/or abroad. The initial starting salary of the position is based on the candidate's level of education, GPA, and relevant work experience. Candidates for agricultural and international economist positions are required to have 21 hours of economics and 3 credit hours of calculus, accounting or statistics.

Benefits

Most U.S. Government employee benefits, including vacation and sick leave, health insurance, life insurance, Federal Employees Retirement System,

investment and savings plan, promotion, flexible work hours, family leave, and family friendly programs. Also, on-the-job and formal training is provided, based on the intern's and agency's needs.

For more information

Please visit our website at:
<http://www.fas.usda.gov/admin/newjobs/newjobs.html>.